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## **AG Bruning: NSC Affirms Conviction of Former Police Officer Larry Williams**

**Note: A sound bite on this topic will be available shortly at: <http://www.ago.ne.gov>**

LINCOLN – Attorney General Jon Bruning today announced the Nebraska Supreme Court affirmed the conviction of former Ravenna police officer Larry Williams. In July 2010, Williams, 55, was convicted on five counts of first-degree sexual assault and one count of first-degree sexual assault of a child in Buffalo County District Court.

“Mr. Williams’ criminal acts betrayed the trust of his victim and his community,” said Bruning. “We are pleased the Court agreed he should be held accountable for his crimes.”

In 2007, investigations by the Nebraska State Patrol and Attorney General’s Office determined Williams was sexually involved with a teenage girl between 2001 and 2003, starting when the girl was 14-years-old. The crimes occurred while Williams was a Ravenna police officer.

Williams was tried in 2007 and January 2010, each trial ending in a hung jury. He was convicted in July 2010 by a unanimous vote of the jury. That conviction was affirmed by today’s Nebraska Supreme Court decision.

In September 2010, Williams was sentenced to 6 to 12 years in prison each for five counts of first-degree sexual assault, to be served consecutively for a total of 30 to 60 years in prison. He was also sentenced to five years of Intensive Supervised Probation for one count of Sexual Assault of a Child to be served upon his release. In addition, Williams’ convictions require him to register as a sex offender for the remainder of his life.